

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF APRIL 8, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fargo Park District office at 6100 38th Street South, Fargo, North Dakota and via Restream. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Aaron Hill, Joe Deutsch, Zoé Absey, Jerry Rostad and Vicki Dawson. Also present were: Dave Bietz, Jane Gust, and attorney Jeff Gunkelman.

Approval of Agenda

Dave Bietz requested that the item (f) on the consent agenda – Approve Selkirk Developers Agreement – be removed from the Consent Agenda due to the Park District not being prepared to proceed forward with the matter.

Commissioner Joe Duetsch moved and Commissioner Vicki Dawson seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment to the Consent Agenda removing item (f). Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Amended Consent Agenda

Commissioner Joe Deutsch moved and Commissioner Zoé Absey seconded a motion to approve the following actions on the consent agenda:

- (a) The minutes the March 11, 2025 meeting;
- (b) The March 2025 bills; and
- (c) Award bid to Sun Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$188,000.00 for Mickelson Field #4 Sports Field Lighting, as presented;
- (d) Award bid to American Security and Gate Company in the amount of \$64,500.00 for Anderson Softball Complex dugout replacement project, as presented; and
- (e) Award bid to Park and Play USA in the amount of \$59,324.60 for Tharaldson Little League metal shade shelter replacement project, as presented.

Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Members of the public were afforded the opportunity to discuss issues with the Board.

Director's Report

Dave Bietz presented this matter and provided an informational update to the Board on the respective departments. No action was taken on this matter.

Approval of MOU with Post 2 Baseball Club

Dave Bietz presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the Post 2 Baseball Club came to the Park District noting that the backstop at Jack Williams Stadium is in need of repair. It was noted that the MOU outlines the responsibilities of the both the Park District and Post 2 Baseball Club. It was noted

that the Park District will handle the design, bidding, and construction of the backstop wall, making necessary modifications for new seating, and repairing any field damage caused by construction. It was noted that Post 2 will be responsible for coving the costs associated with removing the current seating behind the backstop wall and purchasing and installing new stadium seats. It was noted that this is an unbudgeted item and that the Park District will need to use reserve funds for the project.

Commissioner Vicki Dawson moved and Commissioner Zoé Absey seconded a motion to approve the MOU with Post 2, as presented, and to direct staff to secure bids for this project. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Amendment to Payment in Lieu Agreement
Pertaining to J&O Real Estate, LLC**

Dave Bietz presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that this relates back to the Park District's sale of former Anderson Park to Epic Companies in 2020. It was noted that the Park District agreed to a payment in lieu offer from J&O Real Estate, LLC, wherein the Park District agreed to remove the 4-acre open park area covenant at the former Anderson Park property in exchange for a cash payment by J&O Real Estate, LLC. It was noted that the original agreement had an expiration date that J&O would not be able to meet and that it is requesting an extension to May 15, 2025.

Commissioner Vicki Dawson moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the Amendment to Payment in Lieu Agreement Pertaining to J&O Real Estate, LLC, as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the above agenda items, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and upon unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Jeff Gunkelman, Kennelly Business Law, Clerk